

(b) the number of shops which have been removed from places at which they are now (1103) located and the reasons for the removal; and

(c) the average area for which there is an arrack as well as a toddy shop, for the town and country separately?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) The Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information is out of all proportion to its possible utility.

(b) The information can be obtained only after the licenses in respect of the shops are issued in Chingam 1104.

(c) The information has been called for.

The Vembannur Ryots' Road.

70. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vembannur ryots' road which was begun about 8 years ago under the direction of a special officer (Mr. Viraraghava Aiyar) and which the Chief Engineer said in the Budget Session of the Council, 1101, he would immediately take over for maintenance, has been completed; and

(b) if not, whether they will enquire what the delay is due to?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) and (b) The road has been opened for a total length of one mile and 3,800 ft. and to a width of 20 ft. against 22 ft. required by the Ryots' Roads Rules. The full width of 22 ft. as also a small length of 400 ft. have yet to be opened. The work is delayed on account of the refusal of the ryots concerned to take the road through their lands. Steps are being taken by the Land Revenue Department to obtain the additional lands required.

The open portion of the road has been taken under departmental maintenance from 1102 onwards.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state the length of that road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): 1 mile and 4,200 feet.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know when the work was begun?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say when exactly the work was begun.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know what arrangement has been made by the P. W. D. to open the remaining portion of that road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is pending surrender by the interested ryots of lands necessary for the full width of the road. The Chief Engineer and the Land Revenue Commissioner have been written to in the matter.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state when the Land Revenue Department began the formidable task of acquiring lands for this road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I beg the member's pardon.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Has any arrangement been made by the Land Revenue Department for acquisition of land?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): As soon as the department is able to obtain the necessary lands by surrender from the interested ryots, the work will be carried out. There is no question of acquisition here.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Has there been any progress during the last 8 years in the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The bulk of the lands has been surrendered. After securing the lands necessary to secure the full width of 22 feet under the *ryots' roads rules*, the work could be taken up. There is only a length of 400 feet remaining to be finished.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Is it such a difficult task to get the required lands?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Until the lands are surrendered the work cannot be done.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member realise that the *ryots' roads rules* have become impracticable in the Agastisvaram taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No, they are not impracticable. We have gone so far; only 400 feet of the road remain to be done.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Is the member aware that nothing has been done on that road till the time the interpellation was forwarded?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not aware of that. The member will do well to induce the ryots concerned to surrender the lands required. Then the work will progress.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): If the department does not proceed under the Land Acquisition Rules, the ryots will be practically helpless.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): This is the present position. Unless it is found that the lands could not be surrendered, Government cannot proceed further in the matter.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Do not the authorities delay matters?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): They won't delay matters. They have instructions to negotiate with the ryots concerned.

Vacancies of Headmasterships in Departmental English High Schools.

71. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state: